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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**PRIOR FELON SENTENCED TO SIX YEARS IN PRISON
AFTER PURCHASING ASSAULT-TYPE RIFLE AT
INDY KNIFE & GUN SHOW**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JEFFREY OLSON, 34, of Waynetown, Indiana, was sentenced to six years in prison today by U.S. District Judge Sarah Evans Barker upon his guilty plea to possession of a firearm by a person previously convicted of a felony. The investigation was conducted by the Crawfordsville, Indiana Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and is part of the PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS initiative.

In late August, 2002, OLSON purchased a .223 caliber, semi-automatic, assault-type rifle at the Indy Gun & Knife Show in Indianapolis. Because OLSON had previous felony convictions for burglary and conspiracy to commit confinement from Porter County in 1988,

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he could not have successfully cleared the National Instant Check system (NICS) to obtain a firearm from a licensed dealer. No such check is required at the Indy Gun & Knife Show.

OLSON took the firearm to a federally licensed firearms dealer in order to obtain repairs. Law enforcement officers took possession of the firearm there.

According to First Assistant United States Attorney Timothy M. Morrison, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Barker also imposed a period of 3 years supervised release for OLSON upon his release from prison.

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